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## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Washington, March 2.—For Kansas: Forecast till 8 p. m. Sunday: Threatening, but probably without rain; colder southerly winds, becoming variable.

The senate postpones everything but pay day.

Brazil has elected another unpronounceable president.

The sealkin head covering has already begun to set its cap for the month.

CONGRESS costs \$8,000 a day. It would be cheaper to have it work by the piece.

The south may be in the saddle, but Tom Reed is also the best man in the saddle.

The tariff debate in the senate begins a neighboring exchange. What tariff debate?

PRESIDENT DODS has at last found out that the American people don't want to read any more of his letters.

The senate is afraid to vote on the Wilson bill for fear the people will find out which of them are cutouts.

When Grover heard that his good friend had been enjoying a drink, he started out on a fishing trip himself.

THERE are two ways to help the poor; one is to give them food; and the other is to vote against the Democratic party.

BOSOM thrives in New York state because ignorance thrives there. There never could be such a man as Croker in Kansas.

Secretary of State Olney says this is mustering in day for loyal Americans all over the country. Do you hear the tramp of thousands?

MRS. LEANEZ is in New York. hadn't an inquiry better be instituted as to the whereabouts of George R. Peck and Hon. W. H. Rossington?

The New York capital has cost \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 is wanted to finish it. We had better finish the Kansas capital before it begins to get chronic, too.

"MARY ELLEN LEASE" the last will called east of the Missouri river. The wrong name travels never laughs while the right name is putting on its boots.

People have no respect for a man with a hyphenated name. This accounts for the way congressmen treat the sergeant-at-arms when he comes to arrest them.

SPRING has made its first annual arrival. Of course, it may have to arrive two or three times before it gets fairly started; but it will be equally welcome each time.

We suppose, as usual, that Arizona is hatching a low barometer and North Dakota a snowstorm, and that they will soon poll their issues and give the rest of the country a blizzard.

The Greater New York bill has been signed, and New York may soon include the greater part of New York state. New England will be annexed but what New York will keep up with Chicago.

GERONIMO, the Apache Indian chief, is now a justice of the peace. He probably takes as much pleasure in skinning Indians with his fee bill as he used to in scalping his adversaries with his knife.

Perhaps the president has gone to be a pirate; the baltic time of year has come when an office man feels like running away and being something outdoors that isn't very hard work and "sort of exciting."

Mrs. Eliza W. Bowman of this city, who is president of the Topeka Kindergarten association, writes the STATE JOURNAL that "The report of the Golden Gate Kindergarten association, San Francisco, of which Mrs. Cooper is the good genius, shows that out of its 10,000 pupils only one has been a lawbreaker. Mrs. Cooper has had, as financial backers, two women who have made her work possible, Mrs. Leifland Stanford and Mrs. Hearst." This is a record which goes far towards encouraging the workers for public kindergartens in continuing their labours.

## KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. Swallow of Valley Falls ought to be able to take his own medicine.

Mr. Highberger of Eldorado, who has so many liberties taken with his name is doubtless very unpopular with the women.

A house and two lots are for sale at Chase and it won't be very long before they will be talking about "great activity in real estate."

The Butler county Sunday School association has a great way of preventing disappointment—there are twenty-nine vice presidents.

March 1 was the limit of time given the Missouri Pacific to put a passenger train on the K. N. &amp; D., but as far it hasn't shown up.

Elmer Wise and Rose Bliss selected Hopeton as the place to get married. The combination ought to prove effective again, even though such as these.

The St. Mary's Athletic club wasn't thought to be much until some one fell while performing and nearly broke his neck, and now the enthusiasm is unabated.

A little school girl of Howard went to bid her teacher goodbye on the last day she was to be in school and said very tactfully, "This is the last time I hope to see you."

Hoxie Sentinel: The Grove City papers are kicking about farmers coming to town to shoot jack rabbits. They are talking of calling out the mayor and council to surprise it.

Miss Ida Rees a Sabine, Nemaha county, girl received one of the seventy-two World's fair premiums awarded for drawings of important news in 1893 (in) over twice running line half pages and used only for the news of Kansas business between the hours above named.

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## TALENT IN THE HOUSE

## MEN OF FAME, WIT AND WISDOM IN CONGRESS.

List of the "Truly Great"—Tom Reed Runs Out Quickly—Men Who Deliver Stingo Hammar Verbal Blows—War Gators and Personal Prizes.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—One does not Enger long in the galleries of the house where he can tell when any noted man is up even in the dimmest light, for every one has his marked peculiarity. There is the hopping gesture of Joe Cannon, which has been compared to the motion of a bedraggled bird trying to rise from the ground; the insinuating, aggravating drawl of Tom Reed, the bumptious contractor of George Wise of Virginia, the roar of "Cyclone Jim" Marshall of the same state, and so on.

And o. all these Tom Reed seems to incorporate the opposition most easily and to take delight in it—a bad policy on his part if he aspires to the presi-

dency. The Gov. of the State of Kansas to secure the issued wire service of the Associated Press, contracts exclusively for its services. Day before yesterday, the editor of the paper, Mr. John L. Wilson, was a wealthy widow, Mrs. Linden Kent, whose husband, a prominent lawyer in the national capital, died a year or so ago, leaving her a considerable fortune in addition to the larger one which she had previously inherited from the estate of her

father, the late Mr. Montgomery of New York. The gossip sees dazzling social possibilities in the match, for Justice White is also very wealthy, and the possibilities of such a couple need be limited by nothing but their own desires and good taste.

Justice White's fortune is the result of his own endeavors, and one of his classmates at college ascribed its accumulation entirely to persevering industry. Young White did not take very high rank as a scholar either in his academic course or at the law school, and his classmate, who was valedictorian at both commencements, had greater advantages of wealth and position. Both began practice in New Orleans at the same time, but the valedictorian became known as a clubman with a law office that he seldom visited, while White was recognized as a lawyer of deep reading, wise counseled and great application and thoroughness.

An Audience of One.

The comical contrast is at the night session. Often and often there are not a dozen members present, and on three nights during the tariff debate there were but five present regularly. On one night all had retired except Mr. Brookshire, who was in the chair, the member who was speaking and one other, who was quietly sleeping in his seat. When the orator had finished his "impassioned remarks" (for one consumption entirely), he walked over and waked up the sleeping member, who arose, and rubbing his eyes made a motion to adjourn. A few others were called in from the cloakrooms, the vote was put, there were seven "yeas" and no "nays," and these savers of the nation solemnly filed out as if they had done a really important thing.

Men Who Are Famous.

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demacy, for it is down in the records that the man most hated by the opposition is never the man nominated and elected. It will be still more so in the immediate future, for there are more independent voters now than at any time since 1824, and old observers say their number will continue to increase until the people on some more divided by strict party lines on some great question affecting primary human rights.

The firemen at deficit want an alarm bell of their own. The church bells have been used heretofore and they think an old bell that has been used to ring out "free grace and dying love" doesn't know how to stir people by fire.

An Atchison man is such a stickler for propriety that when it became necessary to put on a dress coat to satisfy the minds of the jury as to some testimony, he refused to do so.

Since October last, when the candidates of Thomas county put a bounty on rabbit snags, over \$9,000 rabbits have been killed. It is not known how many of them came from neighboring countries. Since January 12 there has been paid out \$34,76 for seals.

The Salina woman whose husband ran off with their three-year-old child won't get much sympathy, because she said he was not suspicious when her husband urged her to attend the theater while he stayed at home and took care of the baby. A woman that couldn't take a broad hint like that would seem to have herself to blame.

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"What's that?" said the stout man.

"Faint. Not half as bad as one I saw the other day."

"What was it?" asked the stout man as he lay down.

"Well, I hate to tell it, but if you insist on the story I'll tell it. I was in the hospital for a week, and I am sorry to say I was one of them. A little girl not over 3 years of age was held up and ten cents and a child's car ticket taken from her, and never a soul offered an objection."

"Why didn't you get up and do something?" asked the stout man indignantly.

"It was none of my affair," said the stout man carelessly.

"Where was this?" blurted the stout man, grinning slyly.

"On a street car. The little girl's mother held her up so the conductor could take the fare."

The stout man collapsed, and the stout man continued to look as if he was not in any way interested in the case—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Of course the members of congress are a whole average considerably larger in size, and especially in head and chest measurement, than mankind in general.

## al. Berry of Kentucky is the tallest man in the house or the city, being 6 feet 6 inches high, and John L. Wilson of Washington state is the lightest—not only the lightest, but doubtless the frailest in physical makeup. Henry U. Johnson is usually considered the quickest tempered and is by all odds the fastest speaker. The stenographers say: "He just tears us all to pieces. It is worse than reporting a ward caucus when four or five men are clamoring for the floor at once."

## In the Galleries.

There is still abundant evidence that there was a great war in this land a generation ago, as a missing arm or leg is still a common sight among the statesmen. And there is frequently a wordy war at present the galleries beholding with delight two such antagonists as Reed and Bland gradually approaching each other with increasing invective.

The ordinary crowd in the galleries consists almost entirely of visitors and these very largely from the rural regions.

Each tries to get in the gallery nearest to his member, and what he usually sees and hears in the present dull times is one man swinging his arms wildly brandishing his papers and bawling away at the top of his voice and nobody paying a particle of attention to him.

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